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## DR. WILLIAM J. SANDERS NEW F. T. C. HEAD

### HIGH SCHOOL COURSE FOR RETURNING VETERANS

The State Legislature has appropriated \$43,000 for the education of returning veterans who have not finished high school. They have set up special courses to meet the requirements of college.

Fitchburg Teachers College is one of the nine regional centers for the education of veterans in this State. Courses are of a progressive nature, prepared by the University Extension Service. Instructors help prepare lessons and correct papers and exams. The first meeting was held at the College on Tuesday night October 16. Classes will be held on Tuesday

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Dr. William J. Sanders

### FRESHMAN RECEPTION WELL ATTENDED

The annual Freshman Reception was held in the College Library on Tuesday, October 9th, at three o'clock. The Freshmen were ushered in by the Upper Classmen, who introduced them to Doctor Sanders and to the members of the Faculty. After refreshments were served, entertainment, under the direction of Miss Curry, concluded the social. Solos were rendered by Mary Louise Sullivan, Peggy Ryan, Rose Mary Crowell, Jane Sevard, Louise Jabore, and Thomas Carney.

This program offered a splendid opportunity for Freshmen, Upper Classmen and Faculty members to become acquainted.

### REVISION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT

"The project for the immediate future is revision of the college curriculum", Dr. William J. Sanders, recently appointed president of Fitchburg State Teachers College, stated in an interview.

Dr. Sanders took up his duties in Fitchburg on August 15 when he returned from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he was visiting the professor of education at the University of Michigan, during the summer. He is a native of New Haven, Conn. and was educated in the schools there. He received his AB at Yale in 1928 and his doctorate at the same college in 1935. He taught in the Connecticut public schools until 1932 when he was appointed to the education department at DePaul University in Chicago.

In 1941, he returned to New Haven where he became director of extension and was responsible for the in-service training of teachers in southwest Connecticut. He also lectured in educational philosophy in the graduate department at Yale. In 1943 he was granted a leave of absence to serve as acting personnel director of the National War Labor Board in Washington, D. C.

He holds the Phi Beta Kappa key and is a member of many educational societies. He has contributed to leading professional journals and has an article in the current year book of the John Dewey Society.

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### NEW STICK STAFF

On Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 24th, a new stick staff was elected. The meeting was presided over by Francis Gaudet, editor.

The following comprise the staff: Assistant editor, Richard S. Tucker; Feature editor, Lorraine Morris; Circulation manager, Mary Piermarini; Sports editors, Edward Young, Mary O'Connor; Alumnae editor, Murial Goldman; News editor, Geraldine Merrick; Business manager, Nancy McCauliff; Typist, Richard Gardner. Reporters working under News are: Ellen Ford, Helen Anttila, Priscilla Morley, Ellen Bonitz, Roberta Saul, Jean Battles, Ann Doyle;

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## EDITORIAL

### "WELCOME G. I.'s"

F. T. C. welcomes you, G. I.'s. We want you to feel that our college is yours. Because of the various training and experiences that you've had, we know that you can contribute greatly to the life of this college.

As you probably have noticed, our faculty is not a stagnant body. It does not belong to the "Lost Generation" of educators who have not changed or grown since Pearl Harbor. Instead, our faculty has seen the changes in the world and accelerated with the G. I.

If you have any special talent or hobby, perhaps you may find enjoyment in one of our several clubs.

Yes, G. I.'s, we welcome you and hope that your stay here will be both happy and profitable.

The following are former G. I.'s, now our fellow colleagues: Anthony Cipriano, Ralph Curran, Lawrence Enos, Carl Peterson, Anthony Polito, Gardner Sherman, Roger Martin, Joe Sylvestro, Richard Tucker, William Graham, Earl Mayhofer, Raymond MacCracken, Philip Monahan, Joseph Givoni, Francis Gaudet, Anthony Capozze, Thomas Carver, James Bruin, and Cafiero Ciancorelli.

# The Ash Tray

Hi ya, Gals and Guys!! Here we are with a few rare tidbits we've dug up which have proved rather interesting. Hope you agree!

## A FRESHMAN SPEAKS:

Miller Hall, Oct. 12, 1945

Dear Mom:

I've been away from Catnip Falls for a month now and to tell the truth, it doesn't seem like more than ten years.

I'm really used to college life now. My room, a discarded closet in which Edna couldn't fit her cleaning equipment, is small but comfortable. For awhile respiration was a problem but my roommate and I have worked out a plan of alternate breathing and now we get all the oxygen we need.

There are screens on all the windows to keep the bugs out and me in. Each night when we come in, we sign a register, just like a hotel. They even have a night clerk on duty to see that we do.

Eleven o'clock has a strange effect on Miller Hall. Every Saturday night we rush to catch the last bus so that we can be locked in the dorm before we're locked out.

My best pal is the gal across the hall. She borrows my class notes, uses my books, wears my skirts, and steals my soap. She's a great gal!

Well, Mom, I'll have to close now as it is eleven o'clock, and if our lights aren't out, a little man with a flashlight comes around and puts them out. Don't get the wrong idea, Mom, this is really a great place!!

Your loving little girl,

Abigail.

## SONG TITLES APPLIED TO COLLEGE SITUATIONS:

"It's Gotta Be This or That"...Junior High Methods  
 "Oh, Lady Be Good".....Lucy Joyce  
 "Out of This World"....a night with no homework  
 "I Got Rhythm".....Bert  
 "Sentimental Journey"

Last summer with Lucy F. and Eleanore F.  
 "Counting The Days".....till vacation  
 "Dream" ..... Judy  
 "I Don't Care Who Knows It".....Sherry  
 "It Might As Well Be Spring"....for Olive and Joe  
 "I'm Confessin'".....9 A.M. in Miss Bradt's office  
 "Shy Guy".....George M. M.  
 "Till The End of Time".....Milly Stone

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## Campus Chatter

It's quite a new fad at T. C., horseback riding. Who's going to show whom who's boss, Chico?

We are glad to report that our "Dream Boy", George Morris, is eating again and that the fellow seems to be doing "fine." Is he, Barb?

What's this we hear about certain sophomore girls who are going to ease up on smoking—only a few puffs a week instead of the usual two cigarettes?

Furloughs come in handy, don't they? Anyway, no complaints from Sadie and Ricky!

If a certain trumpet player doesn't keep quiet, the rest of the Palmer Hall boys are going to transfer to Vassar College—or—the aforementioned person is going to have his room changed to the boiler room.

We hear that the girls on the third floor of Miller Hall moved to Arlington for the Navy Day weekend. Have fun, girls?

For all those poor confused freshman girls who have problems, radio's "Mr. Anthony" is having a special session to solve anything except algebra problems. Make your appointments early!

Our Pilgrim from Plymouth, Norm Gifford, seems to be experiencing some trouble with staying on the local riding horses. What's the matter, Norm? Don't the horses understand you?

What made the senior girl, so conceited she never kept her voice above a whisper, finally get down to earth?

### FLASH:

Good sound-proofing devices needed as soon as possible for Miller Hall. We have been informed, just before going to press, that the

"Lovers of Fine Music" orchestra, under the direction of Phyl "Spitalny" Conners is starting rehearsals Monday. The orchestra includes such virtuosos as: Okie O'Connell with her "sweet" clarinet, Betty Wright and her piccolo, "Hot-lips" Mathews and Clark with their trombones, "Pied Piper" Prankunas and her flute, Ruthie Brennan and her mandolin, "Gabriel" Morris and her trumpet, "Lightning Fingers" Wheatley at the piano, and "Beat-it" Carroll at the drums. The vocalist will be the esteemed "Patrice" Bourgeois. After much deliberation the group decided to grant Miss Rosemary Crowell an audition. Lot's of luck, Kids!

One of our entering freshmen this year, Carolyn Seretto, has been confined to her home for almost three weeks because of an infected leg.

Get well fast, Carolyn.

### More Chatter

Tony Polito is quite the boy on the dance floor—at least, the girls think so. How about that stuff, Tony?!

Well, folks, it looks like "Nothing Can Beat the Army Air Corps." Ask Loraine!!!

H—, take our advice. Know your animals!

And in the words of Tom Malloy, when he dropped a case of type all over the floor: "Don't give up the ship!" "Honesty is the best policy." "Patience is a virtue", and so on into the night.

Are the commuting freshmen afraid of their Big Sisters? Then why don't the younger ones mix in?

Joe Sylvestro has found an interest in printing besides ink and type characters. Could be J. M.?—Hmmm—could be!

The Spa holds many surprises—Franta and Hattie know!

Earl Mayhofer has been doing

## RESIDENCE CREDIT COURSES

Dr. Harry F. Percival, just back from the service, has become very active since his return. Besides his regular school duties as psychology teacher, he also carries on off-campus courses which carry residence credit at the College for the degree of bachelor of science in education. He teaches Test and Measurements at the Pittsfield High School every Friday evening. These are survey courses of the standardized tests in the areas of mental ability, scholastic achievement, mechanical and manual aptitudes, occupational interests and personality.

He also gives two other courses at the Springfield Trade School in Springfield every Saturday. One of these courses is Psychology and it is a general survey course of recent theories in this field and places special emphasis upon application of these theories. The other course given in Springfield, is the course on Adolescent Psychology.

Miss Katherine M. McCarthy is also giving a course every Saturday morning at the Massachusetts School of Arts. The course given is the essentials of speaking and will carry two semester hours of residence credit at the Fitchburg State Teachers College.

## BUY VICTORY BONDS NOW!

some extra-curricular work in photography and has some excellent pictures. That one of Caffy is very good, Earl!

Tennis instructors differ, don't they, Ruth Fitz?

Dick White's latest book, "My Week-end Adventures" has a new chapter about Smith College girls and a Hula-hula girl from Honolulu.

And—we understand Jean Jarvis likes the color (?) Red!



**Dr. Sanders***—Continued from Page One—*

Our newly appointed president, in giving a broad outline of the proposed curriculum changes, continued, "The courses in general education have been reorganized into seven modern liberal arts consisting of, math and science; language and literature; history; political economy; philosophy and psychology; arts and health and physical education.

"These seven areas will provide every student with as fine a general college education as can be secured any place in the country. Also, the professional curriculum will be more closely integrated so as to limit repetition where it exists and prepare more skillful teachers in a more economical way than the traditional professional curriculum could.

"These plans will be made public as the year progresses and as the faculty works out the necessary details."

The aim of this general education program is to cultivate generally the intellectual powers and the powers for feeling of all students who are to be teachers rather than to give them bundles of specialized information in certain fields.

The seven liberal arts are proposed as basic, and required of all students, whether their professional work will be in the elementary, junior high, or industrial arts fields. Instructors in each block, it is proposed, will work out the content and methods suitable without being hampered by traditional textbooks.

Dr. Sanders pointed out that an important matter will be the time allotted to each area. The whole program will consist of 84 semester hours. This will break down into 64 hours offered the first two years with the remaining 20 hours being completed in the senior year after the student has completed his professional training. The

**High School Course***—Continued from Page One—*

and Thursday from 7 to 9 P. M. Twenty men enrolled at the first meeting, representing Fitchburg, Leominster, Shirley, Gardner, Winchendon, and Athol. The students were divided into two groups, the first group taking English and History from Mr. Daniel J. Healy; the second taking Science and Math. from Mr. David J. Burns. There have been a number of additional applications since the first meeting and it will be necessary to increase the staff of instructors.

This education is completely free of charge to the veterans. The High School principal advises the course of study necessary to receive a diploma from the local High School. Credit is given for work done in the armed forces. On completion of the courses necessary, the regional High School awards the diploma.

**The Ash Tray***—Continued from Page Two—*

"A Kiss Goodnight"

Are you kidding!!

"A Friend of Yours"

Francis Gaudet

"I'll Buy That Dream"

Lorraine M.

"What Makes The Sunset"

Mr. Clark

"I'll See You In My Dreams"

Huh, Suss?

"There MUST be a Way"

Mary Lou

"On The Sunny Side of the Street"

Sadie and Ted

That's all for this time, Folks, Remember, this column is yours so any suggestions or contributions would be greatly appreciated. Just drop them at the College P. O., c/o the Feature Editor. 'Bye, now!

president emphasized the fact that electives will still play an important part in rounding out the student's programs.

# Alumni

Miss Maud A. Goodfellow is the Permanent Alumni Secretary and Treasurer and Miss Margaret A. Lenon is the Associate Secretary and Treasurer.

David Scanlon, popular student, is back to finish training; also Dick Tucker, well known to all WEIM fans.—He wears a pair of silver wings. Robert Nolan of Junior class — wedding bells. Mildred Berlo announces her engagement. Gloria Boscardin serves as Red Cross Field Director of Arts and Crafts at Lovell North Hospital.

**F. T. C. GRADUATE  
TROMBONIST FOR  
SYMPHONY**

Sidney P. White from Ashby, realized a lifelong ambition to play trombone in symphony. Since Sidney was granted his master's degree from Teacher's College in 1938, he has played with the Civics Symphony Orchestra of Boston. He appeared with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in the Community Concert Series at Fitchburg High School. Sidney, instructor at Arlington Center Junior High, has taken a twenty-two week leave for the symphony season. This is the apex of his musical career which began with trombone lessons in junior high.

**GOLD STAR HEROES**

Eleven gold stars for our dead appear on the list in the center lobby honoring those members of our alumni who have paid the supreme sacrifice. The list includes Raymond A. Clark, Plainville, Conn., class of '30; Ensign Joseph Cutler, W. Groton, Mass., class of '39; 1st Lt. Chester P. Gurney, Jr., Scituate, Mass., student '40-41; Richard F. Kiley,

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# S P O R T S

## MEN'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS

At the first meeting of the Men's Athletic Association this year, Steve O'Horo announced that the men have four hundred and some odd dollars for athletics this term. This money must provide equipment for Physical Ed. for all the men of the college. Most of it will be spent during the Basketball season. Coach Elliot suggested that officers be elected to the Athletic Association and they were elected as follows:

Pres. .... Tom Carney  
Treas. .... Steve O'Horo  
Sec. .... Dick White

Class representatives also elected to the Association were as follows:

Senior..... Stanley Potts  
Junior..... Joe Capuzzio  
Sophomore..... Bob Gaudet  
Freshman..... George Ahern

## WOMEN'S ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

The Women's Athletic Conference of Massachusetts State Teachers College was held in Framingham on October 26, 27 and 28. The delegates from Fitchburg who accompanied Miss Bolger were "Kit" Bourgeois, President of the W.A.A.; Charlotte Drury, head of Basketball and elected by the W.A.A. Board; and Dot Janda, head of Swimming and elected by the students of the College.

## 8th VICTORY LOAN

The necessity of buying and holding Victory Bonds is no less imperative now than it was while the guns were blazing. Remember—they finished their job—let's finish ours. Back up the Victory Loan.

## ANNUAL W. A. A. ASSEMBLY

The annual W. A. A. assembly was held October 9th. Katherine Bourgeois, president of the association welcomed all new members and read the list of board members for the year 1945-1946. They are: Pres. K. Bourgeois, Vice-Pres. C. Farrar, Sec.-Treas. S. O'Connor, Head of Swimming, D. Janda, Head of Hockey C. Emery, Head of Bowling M. J. O'Connor, Head of Basketball C. Drury, Head of Volleyball A. Driscoll, Head of Tennis M. Baruzzi, Head of Modern Dance P. Morley, Head of Hiking J. Clougherty, Head of Softball A. Whitney, Representative K. Morrille, White Team Capt. H. Peck and Green Team Capt. M. Piermarini.

Shadow pictures of the various sports were shown. Carol Farrar explained the point system whereby girls can earn three very attractive awards, the monogram, the gold pin, and that coveted green sports blazer. Evelyn Bourgeois who won all three in her two years here left her duties at Burbank Hospital to come and talk to us about these awards. She read the names of the other award winners. The Green and White team captains took charge of the drawing of the color team members. After all of the girls had drawn and had become a member of either the Green or the White team, the members of the faculty drew. The assembly closed with the singing of team songs and the Alma Mater.

## W. A. A. ACTIVITIES

### Hockey Practice Begins

Hockey practice began a few weeks ago, with an excellent attendance according to Connie Emery's report. Color games are being arranged as well as inter-class competitions.

## COMMUNITY CONCERTS

The first of the community concerts took place October 22nd. The number of students from F. T. C. who have subscribed for tickets is double that of last year. Florence Kirk, who made her Metropolitan opera debut last year, presented the concert.

The second will be the Foxhole ballet, on November 26th. This group obtained its name from the fact that it was the first dance troupe organized to play to American troops overseas. They proved to be one of the most popular entertainment units, winning great response from the G. I. audiences.

The Indianapolis symphony to be given January 13th, will be under the direction of Fabian Sevitky. Then the Trapp Family Singers on February 16th, who will appear in native costumes, and present a program of Schubert. Winding up the program will be Gyorgy Sandor, Hungarian pianist. This final concert will take place on March 11th.

## Horseback Riding

This year the W. A. A. Board voted to add horseback riding to its list of sports under the direction of Connie Emery. The sport has proved very popular with the students. The stables are located in Lunenburg and riding lessons are given every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and Saturday mornings.

## Swimming

Swimming, under the direction of Dot Janda, got an early and a good start this year; a large number of girls reported at the indoor pool at Gardner. Dot plans to go every two weeks on Tuesday or Thursday evening.

## Bowling

The Bowling Season will begin Nov. 26 at the Putnam St. Alleys under the direction of Mary Jean O'Connor.



**ALUMNI F. T. C.***—Continued from Page Four—*

Dorchester, Mass., student '40-42; Lt. Raymond Farquhar, Fitchburg class '42; Maj. Edmond Biros, Salem, Mass., student '34-36; Pfc. William R. Peterson, Fitchburg, Mass., student '42-43; Lt. Fred Schultz, Lunenburg, Mass., student '40-41; Edward J. Devlin, Worcester, Mass., student '40; Lt. Col. Walter J. Paton, Fitchburg, Mass., class '27; Lt. Phillip A. McGuirk, Fitchburg, class '42.

**ALUMNI CHAPTERS**

There are many active chapters connected with the Alumni Association and a few are listed here with their activities.

**Fitchburg** — Principal Thomas O'Horo is Chairman.

This chapter, with Mrs. Helen McKeough is planning a Get-together for Nov. 3, 1945.

The program in brief is as follows:

Reception to Dr. Sanders  
Refreshments

Singing — Miss Marjorie M. Killelea of Leominster, Mass.

**Fall River** — Miss Doris M. Almy, Chairman.

**Worcester** — Mr. Paul J. Corcoran, Mrs. Josephine Mahoney, Co-Chairman.

During the past year two meetings have been held. — A dinner meeting—a Military Whist.

**New Jersey—New York** — Miss Mary Leeck, Chairman.

**Springfield**—Mr. Edward Flynn, Chairman.

Are planning a banquet early in November.

**Boston** — Miss Florence McCarthy, Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roche of the Boston Chapter have compiled a list of Boston members.

**ANNUAL FIELD DAY  
EVENTS HELD**

All students and members of the faculty attended the annual field day held on the athletic field on Monday September 17. After the athletic contests which were won by the seniors, refreshments were served and the freshmen discarded their green bows and name tags. Kay Bailey then led a sing-out.

The results of the games are as follows: Girls' three-legged race, Kay Bailey and Lucy Joyce, seniors; boys' wheelbarrow race, Joe Govoni and Bert Giard, seniors; girls' cracker race, freshman exhibition, Margaret Gibbons; Boys' football kick, Robert Hanson, seniors; girls' stick race, Mary Truland and Elizabeth McBreen, freshmen; girls' sack race, Elizabeth McBreen, freshman; boys' highest note, Joe Gorman, freshman; girls' football kick, Carol Farrar, sophomore; girls' wheelbarrow race, Dorothy Mathews and Alberta Decker, freshmen; boys' three-legged race, Francis Gaudet and Robert Hansen, seniors; suitcase race, George Ahern, Phil Condon, George Morris and Walter Richards, for the freshmen boys.

Thomas Carney did the announcing and on his committee were Steven O'Horo and Carol Farrar.

**LEAVES**

by Fred Snow

Dry leaves before the wind,  
Flee no more.

Grey leaves beneath new grass,  
Hide no more.

Old leaves, last summer's dower,  
Serve no more.

For out of you I build  
In reverence  
A pyre on which to place  
The year you served.

**FACULTY FACTS****New Faculty Members.**

Mr. Daniel Healey is now a member of our faculty. He comes from the Worcester State Teachers College where he had been substituting for the music instructor. He is now an English instructor in our college and music instructor in the junior high.

Miss Lillian Tater has been transferred from the Edgerly School to the Junior High School. She has been appointed successor to Miss Marie Wheelock who resigned to go to the State Teachers College at New Haven.

Mrs. Catherine Weston and Mrs. Marian Anthony have been appointed as permanent substitutes at the Dillon School and Miss Eileen Connolly, class of '41, has been appointed temporary substitute at Edgerly School.

**Returning Faculty Members.**

Dr. Percival, chairman of the graduate committee and head of our psychology department, has returned to our Teachers College. He has been serving in the psychology department of the Army.

Miss Belle Nixon, teaching Literature courses, has returned after a leave of absence due to illness.

Mr. Robert Elliot is welcomed back after his service in the physical education department of the Navy. He resumes his position as physical education instructor for the men.

We extend a hearty welcome to our new faculty members and to those who are returning!

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under Sports, Georgianna Marshall; under Feature, Constance Lundberg, Sadie Atsalis, Carolyn Rice, Lucy Fraticelli, Jeanette Smith; under Alumnae, Vivian Bronstein; under Circulation, Madeline Bovenzi, John Apone.